

# EDITORIALS

## Publisher Speaks Her Mind

Agnes Dow, a very charming woman who knows the newspaper business, recently addressed the Jewish Sisterhood in Gardena, and reminded them that the current trend to shoppers and "Throw-aways" in the Los Angeles area threatens the freedom and the fitness of the local press. Her words are pointed and timely for if there was any area in the world where the huckster in newspaper format has been able to set up shop with a typewriter and a telephone it is in Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Dow, publisher of the Gardena Valley News, said among other things:

"I feel there is a real danger here, for we all know it is easier to control the thinking of a few than the thoughts of many. It is the many independent editors—those many rugged individualists—who have made our American press so thoroughly democratic, so truly a reflection of the American People and the American way of life. In this far-flung free press lies the secret of our American vigor."

Citing the value of paying for a newspaper you receive, Mrs. Dow said:

"Paying for a newspaper you value is for your own protection against a trend that would sink your independently-owned local newspaper to the level of a cooperative dodger or circular."

Mrs. Dow is one of the many we have encountered in the Los Angeles area who have ingrained respect for the best traditions of the newspaper business. Here is a policy predicated on the assumption that Americans still want their local newspapers to be free and independent. Furthermore, they are supposed to evidence originality and some degree of professional integrity.

## The Shoplifting 'Trade'

From London comes word of changes in the shoplifting trade. The London Sunday Express recently reported shoplifters made off with about \$14,000,000 worth of goods in 1953.

The article mentioned some of the new methods being used by shoplifters in England. Many of them are being utilized by women—who make up a surprising percentage of shoplifting total.

The latest method used by some members of the frater sex in England utilizes a plastic raincoat. The raincoat, which is not transparent, is worn by a woman who wears nothing but underwear under it. She then tries on an expensive dress, or other clothing, leaves her plastic raincoat in the dressing room and quietly walks from the store.

Perhaps the most popular method in use in England is the method utilizing a shopping-bag and a slide fastener at the bottom. The bag is placed on a counter, and, as the shopper reaches into her bag and feels around for articles inside, she is actually picking up articles from the counter through the open bottom and putting them into the bag. She then zips up the bottom of the bag, picks it up and leaves with whatever she has stolen.

We mention these methods, not to give anyone ideas, but in an effort to keep Americans up with the times in the shoplifting traffic. The most active time for shoplifting is the Christmas season, and approaching weeks and months—not far ahead.

## Golden Gleams

- A joke's a very serious thing. —Churchill.
- Laugh not too much; the witty man laughs least; For wit is news only to ignorance. —Herbert.
- Cervantes smiles Spain's chivalry away. —Byron.
- For still the world prevail'd and its dread laugh. —Thompson.
- Which scarce the firm philosopher can scorn. —Quintilian.
- The inclination to lose a friend rather than a joke should be far from us. —Shakespeare.
- A jest's prosperity lies in the ear Of him that hears it, never in the tongue Of him that makes it.

# LAW IN ACTION

### INTERSECTION TRAFFIC LAWS EXPLAINED

California traffic laws are simple, yet many people don't know them. Most mystifying are those about "right of way" at an intersection.

To grasp laws about intersecting traffic, start off with the idea that all streets have the same "dignity." It is safest to assume that all drivers crossing your path have the same claim to the right of way as you do. As a rule, give the right of way to the driver who gets to the intersection first, or who will get there first.

Give the right of way to the driver on your right at intersections with a stop sign or a flashing red signal on each of the four corners. If you are already in the intersection give the right of way to the first car to get there and come to a full stop.

Suppose two cars the same distance from the intersection get there at the same time. The driver on the left should yield the right of way to the driver on his right.

But don't depend too much on the other fellow's courtesy. Do not assume that the other driver is going to do what he should. Assume that he may not, and be prepared to act accordingly. He may be the kind who "digs out" or only hesitates at the corner. Keep a "proper lookout" and your car under "proper control."

What do you do at street crossings where you find one through street, like a highway,

and another street with a stop sign? At such places give the right of way to cars which approach so closely that they are a danger to you. Don't go ahead, cross, or turn into the traffic on a through street until you can do so without interfering with it. Wait, if an approaching car will get into it. Don't break the rules of right of way when making left-hand turns at intersections. When turning left, make the proper signal and always be on the inside (or center) lane before you turn. Let all oncoming cars already in the intersection pass through. Even with the intersection clear, do not turn unless other oncoming drivers can see your signal and are far enough away to slow down and let you turn safely.

Stay in the inside lane until you complete your left-hand turn. Then ease over to the right hand lane. Do not swing wide into the center lane. To do so is unlawful, and dangerous.

Incidentally, the Department of Motor Vehicles has an excellent booklet on the Motor Vehicle Code. You may have it for the asking at any one of their offices.

**NOTE:** The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

**WHAT IS IT?** Did you figure it out? The picture is an ordinary cigarette lighter spark wheel—slightly enlarged, of course.

## While You Read The Charts



# Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

### WHAT YOU WILL DO IN 1959:

Here is what I predict you will be doing exactly 45 years from today in 1959: Diamonds will have lost their commercial value and will be used as freely for dress decorations at that time, as we use rhinestones today! The great coal mining centers will be closed down completely due to the use of solar heating and a newly-introduced refined oil burning which will eliminate the use of coal altogether! There will be no smoke from factories and nothing to pollute our air. All garbage disposal will be done by chemicals, and any trash will be disposed of in the same manner! . . . Yes, 45 years from today, another great worry will be lifted from your life: You will not be worried with headaches, for they will be overcome through a new circulatory treatment!

### Your Headlines of the Future:

Avalanche threatens Alaskan coastal areas! . . . Thousands homestead in Wyoming under new Federal rulings! . . . New series of earthquake in Australia! . . . Recurrent fever epidemic strikes Balkan states! . . . Winter strikes early in midwest! . . . New way found for blasting hills away! . . . Death comes to noted religious leader! . . . Science discovers new method of conquest of disease! . . . New Orleans bids for convention city in 1956 political contest! . . . Great Lakes area noted Hollywood boom! . . . case reopened! . . . Nationally known contest proven fraud! . . . Astounding hair growing ointment found by Swiss nobility!

### A Very Famous Prediction:

Orson Pratt, one of the early Mormon Prophets, in his Journal of Discourse, Volume 20, predicts: "What then will be the condition of the people when the great dreadful war will come? It will be very different from the war between the North and the South. It will be neighborhood against neighborhood, city against city, town against town, state against state, and they will go forth destroying and being destroyed. Manufacturing will cease. The great cities will be left desolate. The time will come when the great city of New York will be left without inhabitants!" Every major prophet has in some way foretold a civil war in America, fomented by a world revolution, he left desolate. The Churches and our religious faith. Are we living in a dangerous age, with nothing but our belief in God to act as a buffer? My friend, time will tell, yes, time will tell!

### For People And Places:

Senator Joseph McCarthy: Your new series of accusations will be proven in open court! . . . Philadelphia: A new political

scandal will be made known there within the next three weeks! . . . W. C. Fields: You will be nominated for the Hall of Fame! . . . Carson City, Nevada: You will be the second Hollywood within one year due to the construction of the world's largest independent motion picture studio, which will not only make movies, but also television film! . . . Senator Keafavor: Your next investigation will be the Red influence on our youth of America! . . . San Francisco: Your City Fathers will soon plan another World's Fair to be held in 1958! . . . Rudolph Valentino: Your recording of "Pale Hands I Love You" made in 1923 will become a juke box favorite!

Dear Criswell: If I marry this man I'll never be in need again. He is quite wealthy and my budget will be unlimited, but he's physically grotesque. He's so kind to me too. Another gentleman friend wants to marry me, and he's so handsome, but I'm afraid I'd have to support him. What shall I do? Elaine D. G.

My dear Elaine: It is my suggestion that you marry this man you term grotesque. Although he is not physically attractive, from what you write he possesses a wonderful and kind nature and loves you deeply. It is an inner beauty that makes people what they are, and the exterior is merely skin deep. You should be extremely happy with this match.

Dear Criswell: We are planning to buy a new car. I want my husband to buy a red one, and he insists on dark grey, which is so dull. I have red hair, and would like to have a car that will more or less fit in with my vibrant personality. My husband must feel the same way about himself, for he's dull and uninteresting. Should I press this matter or let him win without struggle? Iris V.

My dear Iris: I know your husband will be satisfied with a red car but it seems a bit flashy to him right now. Bright colors in automobiles are becoming more and more popular and they are quickly accepted by the public. You should consult your local automobile dealer, who will be able to give you some hints on how to handle this with your husband, and you can convince him.

Dear Criswell: You are the only friend I can turn to now. Since my family found out that the wealth I once possessed is now gone, they treat me like a wild animal. How can I overcome their cruel treatment and malicious lies? Mrs. O. A. 984.

My dear Mrs. O. A.: Unfortunately you are the victim of a horde of selfish re-

latives. You tell me that you are still financially independent, though not wealthy, and I suggest you leave these people and seek a place of your own. You have friends in your home town and I feel you will be much happier living there.

Dear Criswell: Several weeks ago my daughter-in-law left our baby grandson with me while she and her husband went out gallivanting. When I awakened the next morning the child was dead in bed with me. Now they accuse me of causing the death. I am frantic. You can prove this was not so? Mrs. Vivian L. R. 2

My dear Vivian: You say that this child was always very weak ever since birth, and your son and daughter-in-law did not care for it properly. The coroner's report will certify the exact cause of death, so bring this to their attention. Had they taken proper care of the child, he would have been strong enough to overcome his many ailments.

Dear Criswell: Where should I look for my red shawl with the butterfly design? Lisa P. D.

My dear Lisa: Look through the trunks in your attic were you put many items when moving.

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## The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson  
By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Scriptures: Colossians 3:23-24; I Thessalonians 4:10b-11; II Thessalonians 2:15.  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 19:14-17.

**GROWING BY WORKING**  
Lesson for September 5, 1954  
Now I get me up to work, I pray thee, Lord, I may not shirk.

When I lay me down at night, I pray thee, Lord, my work be right!"

These lines by an unknown author hung in the bedroom of a man who during his 85 years showed that his prayer was sincere. He was a Christian; and a Christian will think of his work as done always in the sight of God.

A janitor of a church, was asked a certain place behind the pulpit so clean. "Nobody can see it," he was told. "But God sees it," the janitor said. The Bible gives us some light work in general, as God sees it.

**There Is No Free Lunch**  
The little church at Thessalonica was troubled with "no others." The people there had got the idea that the end of the world was right around the corner. Jesus would come again soon, in their own lifetime. They did not see the use in working any more; the house in working in dresses . . . but of course they had to eat. So they became free-loaders, boarding with such members of the parish as did keep their jobs. When their traveling Bishop Paul heard about this, he wrote them a very plain letter; indeed he had said some plain words while he was there getting the church organized, only they seem to have forgotten it. "He that will not work, let him not eat," he said. Help the needy yes by all means; but don't let them be lazy. There is only one basic rule of economics (as an economist has said) and it is one anybody can understand: There is no free lunch.

**What Is Useful Work?**  
Now there is no special virtue in work, in itself. A man could work very hard shoveling sand from one pile on the beach to another pile, and back again, all day long. But it would be a very good job. To be sure, he would be developing his muscles, but he could do that better some other way at some more useful job. The Bible's references to work are always to be useful work that performs a service to any one else. This is a particularly important point for young Christians deciding on a life's work. We ought to work, of course, we don't want to be objects of charity, we don't want to be dependent on the state, we don't want to do something for the world. But what kind of work is useful? Paul told the Thessalonians that they should work with their hands, because they were all hand-workers; but some of the most useful work in the world is not done with the hands. Two points should be borne in mind: first that as a Christian I ought to seek the most useful work I can do, and second that I can be most useful in what I can do best.

**Growing by Working.**  
Work makes the man. Or at least, work shapes the man. Look at any picture of a high school senior class; they look all about alike, and for that matter look like any other senior class in America. But take a picture (if you could get it) of that same class twenty-five years later, or more, when they have jobs for years. Some may be drifters, ne'er-do-wells, and they look it; misfits because they have never stuck to useful work. The others who have stayed on one job or another, will look different by now, partly because of the kinds of work they have been doing. The housewife, the school teacher, the farmer, the banker, the writer, the soldier, the artist—they do not look alike any more. We grow by working. But there is another question too: Does my work help me to grow as a Christian? No doubt the slave-drivers of ancient Egypt grew by their work—grew in no devilish way; Moses was growing, out in the wilderness of Midian tending sheep. But he was growing more God-like. It is not simply what we do the work; it is the spirit in which we do it.

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## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of four columns on Communism as John Morley saw it as a correspondent in Europe from 1931, and from twelve secret missions behind Russia's and China's Iron Curtain in the past four years . . . free of emotion, bias or propaganda. This series will reach newspapers in the U. S., Europe and Asia.)

### PART 2

#### The Political Movement of Communism

In our previous column we discussed the meaning of Communism and part of its origin. With Congress voting to outlaw the Communist party from the ballot, the political side of the Communist movement is of front-page interest. The Communist political party is modern Communism in action. By fair means or foul, the build-up of Communism through pseudo-political organizations has been largely responsible for the enslavement of over 80,000,000 people in the 37 years since the Communist revolution in Russia.

Keep in mind that with less than 50,000 Communists in 1917, Russia has been able to enslave one-third of the world, without military invasion. It was achieved by phony political parties, in former democratic nations that permitted free speech and free political organizations. Once the Reds got a toe-hold inside government office, it was only a matter of time when they arranged for a "crisis" and also arranged for the "liberation" of the people, all in one conspiratorial swoop.

Sooner or later, in every nation, crises and vacuums appear. In one country's it's crop failure, corruption, colonialism . . . in another it's racial or religious conflicts . . . in another nationalism, depression, post-war economic unbalance . . . in another just plain hunger and hopelessness. In each case the phony Communist party is right on the job "championing" the phony banners of "liberation." I have seen it work in Europe and Asia time and time again.

**Communism . . . and the Party**  
Many Americans confuse the various elements of the Communist conspiracy. The political organization . . . the Communist party . . . outwardly appears to operate within the framework of democratic law. Ordinarily it does, as it has in the United States. It has to. There is no other way that Marcantonio can be sent to Congress.

The party paves the way. It makes the opening for political appointments of Communist spies. The Red department heads appoint others down to the secretarial level. The Red secretaries (attractive and willing) compromise non-Communist officials. Others constantly campaign for converts among weaklings, frustrated, chronic "crusaders" for the common man, maladjusted and plain loafers who were told that the world owes them a living, with a two-car garage.

The political party is the legal front of the Communist conspiracy. The Communist espionage system is another branch, operating independently. Seldom is ever do party members know any of the Communist spies. Alger Hiss, Whitaker Chambers, Julius Rosenberg were Soviet spies . . . they had no connection with the Communist party after they joined espionage. They all dropped their membership.

This is the pattern in every country. A Red political orator is seldom if ever connected with espionage, directly. The party members are used in a very subtle way. Many persons who vote the Communist ticket have no conception that every day of every year the party provides the "shock troops" for the eventual overthrow of existing government.

President Eisenhower, John Edgar Hoover and others of prominent stature are of the opinion that it's a mistake to outlaw the Communist party, for the reason that, you drive it underground. This is true. But it also is true that the Communist conspiracy always works underground.

The passing of the Communist Party will make it more difficult for the FBI. There will be no party headquarters to watch, no list of members to check. But the FBI has a good file already and could pick up the slack if the Congress increases the FBI budget, making it possible for Director Hoover to double his present staff and give way to Communist fighters. The FBI can do the job, if given the manpower and the authority.

#### The Communist Party . . . Past and Present

Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Malenkov . . . in order . . . saw in the party-platform a movement for the overthrow of the capitalist system through a proletarian (low wage class) revolution. This leadership (dictatorship) of the "common man" was set up within the party machinery on the basis of a "soviet" or council system, to create a socialist society.

When this is achieved (so the party says), the power of the state will wither away gradually and give way to a free communist society, free of government rule, free of law and public authority. We call this under another name . . . anarchism . . . the theory that all government is evil, a society without law and order.

Modern Communism is on the spring of the left-wing international social movement of the 19th century. It came into being around 1903 as the radical fraction of the Russian Social Democratic party under Vladimir Lenin. It was pure Marxist with a central political party directed toward the revolutionary approach. The extreme radicals were called Bolsheviks and the moderates, Mensheviks. The Bolsheviks opposed the Mensheviks, who supported aid to the allies in World War I. This split the party in two. When the Bolsheviks declined to support a radical revolutionary program, but instead a Constitutional assembly in favor of continuation of the war against Germany, the Bolsheviks seized power in the counter-revolution of November, 1917, and organized the Soviet Republic.

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The Bolsheviks ended the war in Germany at Brest-Litovsk and held their power in four years of civil war which followed.

To divorce themselves entirely from the Social Democrats (Mensheviks), the Bolsheviks took the name "Communist," organized the "cell system" in workshops and streets and adopted the "hammer and sickle" as their international emblem, which symbolizes Communism today all over the world.

(Part 3, "The Rise of Communism" will appear in the next issue of this column.)

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